

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Ernest Stilley Farm Inventory Number: G-V-B-032

Address: 619 Wayne Harvey Road City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550

County: Garrett USGS Topographic Map: Gorman

Owner: Richard Marple Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 37 Tax Map Number: 96 Tax Account ID Number: 08-007632

Assess Visual Effects of Allegheny Heights Windpower

Project: Facility Agency:

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: Date:

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number:

NR-listed district ☐ Yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name:

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ S None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Ernest Stilley Farm (MIHP # G-V-B-032) is located at the end of an unpaved driveway off Wayne Harvey Road. The house faces southeast away from Backbone Mountain. Distant views of Backbone Mountain are visible from the rear elevation, but are partially blocked by the barn complex, which is located west of the house.

The two-story, four-bay by two-bay house is clad with asbestos shingles. The 1981 MIHP form reported that the house is wood vertical plank construction; the construction was not visible on the exterior. Horizontal wood siding is visible in the upper gables. The house appears originally to have occupied an L-shaped footprint that was squared off with a two-story shed-roof addition. The house has an intersecting gable roof that extends over the northwest corner of the house as a shed roof. An off-set, two-story, one-bay by two-bay, gable-roofed section projects from the south elevation. The eave has a box cornice and pedimented gable ends on the south end and the front elevation. The gable end on the north elevation features returns. All roof surfaces are sheathed in composition roll roofing. The front elevation contains single one-over-one-light, double-hung sash, wood-frame windows with approximately 4-inch wide wood casings. The north end elevation under the shed roof contains

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments:

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
John E. Kuntz
Reviewer, NR Program

4/7/05
Date

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paired one-over-one-light, double-hung sash windows. The primary entry is located in the northernmost bay of the front elevation. A one-story porch supported on wood columns spans the front elevation. A one-story lean-to addition spans one-half of the rear elevation. The house is currently vacant and in disrepair.

The 1981 MIHP form referenced a granary. A two-story, two-bay by one-bay building located northeast of the house may be the granary. The two-story building is wood frame and clad with horizontal wood siding. The side-gable roof is sheathed corrugated metal. All the window and door openings are boarded up. A one-story open equipment shed spans the south elevation of the building.

The barn complex is located west of main house. A bank barn is oriented east-west with the bank on the north elevation. The wood-frame barn is clad with a variety of materials, including standing seam metal and horizontal wood siding. A shed-roof addition spans the south elevation. The lower level contains stalls. The upper level originally was a hay mow. An open equipment storage shed projects from the east end of the barn. The shed is roofed with metal. A one-story, concrete-block dairy is located south of the barn. A concrete silo is located north of the bank.

A modern metal building currently is used to store hay. The one-story building has five bays across the front-facing gable end.

The 1981 MIHP form reported that the house was built ca. 1900 by Ernest Stilley, an immigrant from Prussia, Germany. This date was based on an interview with the then owner. It is unclear if the house is depicted on the USGS Oakland quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 published in 1908 (USGS 1899, 1908). Ernest Stilley (spelled Stelley) appeared in the 1870 census in the area. He was a farmer, aged 49, with real estate valued at \$1,000 and personal estate valued at \$800 (U.S. Census 1870). He lived with his wife Elizabeth and a daughter Christina who was married to Benjamin Harvey. In 1900, Ernest Stilley had retired from farming and Benjamin and Christina Harvey operated the farm (U.S. Census 1900). The house descended through the Harvey family until it was sold by grandsons Elliott George Harvey and George Wayne Harvey in 1990 (Garrett County deed 554:766).

The 1981 MIHP stated that the house is a typical example of a common western Maryland house type, i.e., the rectangular main block and rear kitchen wing. From the exterior, the house does not exhibit essential characteristics to illustrate that house type or plan. The house adopts a modified L-shaped footprint, but also has a front facing gable that is characteristic of the gable-front with wing family of house types (McAlester 1990:92). However, the front wall of the gable wing is flush with the wing and the one-story porch spans the entire southeast elevation. In addition, the house has a large two-story addition that squares off the L-shaped footprint and a two-story, gable wing that projects from the southwest elevation. Thus, the house does not embody the distinctive characteristics of its type or period of construction (Criterion C). The 1981 MIHP reported that the house was vertical plank construction. Ware (1991:131) documented vertical plank construction a common construction method occurring in Garrett County between 1860 and 1930. So the type of construction does not make the house significant under Criterion C. The agricultural outbuildings do not possess integrity of materials or design to illustrate agricultural patterns in Garrett County (Criterion A) in the late nineteenth or twentieth century. The house is not documented as associated with a significant person in the past (Criterion B). Stilley's name does not appear in Schlosnagle (1978), Weeks (1948), or Scharf (1882).

References

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1981 MIHP Form G-V-B-032. On file at the MHT Library, Crownsville, MD.

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McAlester, Virginia and Lee

1990 *A Field Guide to American Houses*. Alfred A. Knopf, New York.

Schlosnagle, Stephen

1978 *Garrett County: A History of Maryland's Tableland*. Reprinted 1997. McClain Printing Company, Parsons, West Virginia.

Scharf, J. Thomas

1882 *History of Western Maryland*. Louis H. Everts, Philadelphia, PA. Reprint edition.

Ware, Donna M.

1991 *Green Glades and Sooty Gob Piles*. Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

U.S. Census

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USGS

1908 Oakland 15 minute quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1900 and 1908.

1948 Gorman 7.5 minute quadrangle map from aerial photographs 1946, field checked 1948, photo-revised 1981.

Weeks, Thekla Fundenberg

1949 *Oakland, Garrett County*. Published by the Oakland Centennial Commission, Inc. Sincell Printing Company, Oakland, MD.

Katherine Grandine, M.A., R.

Christopher Goodwin &

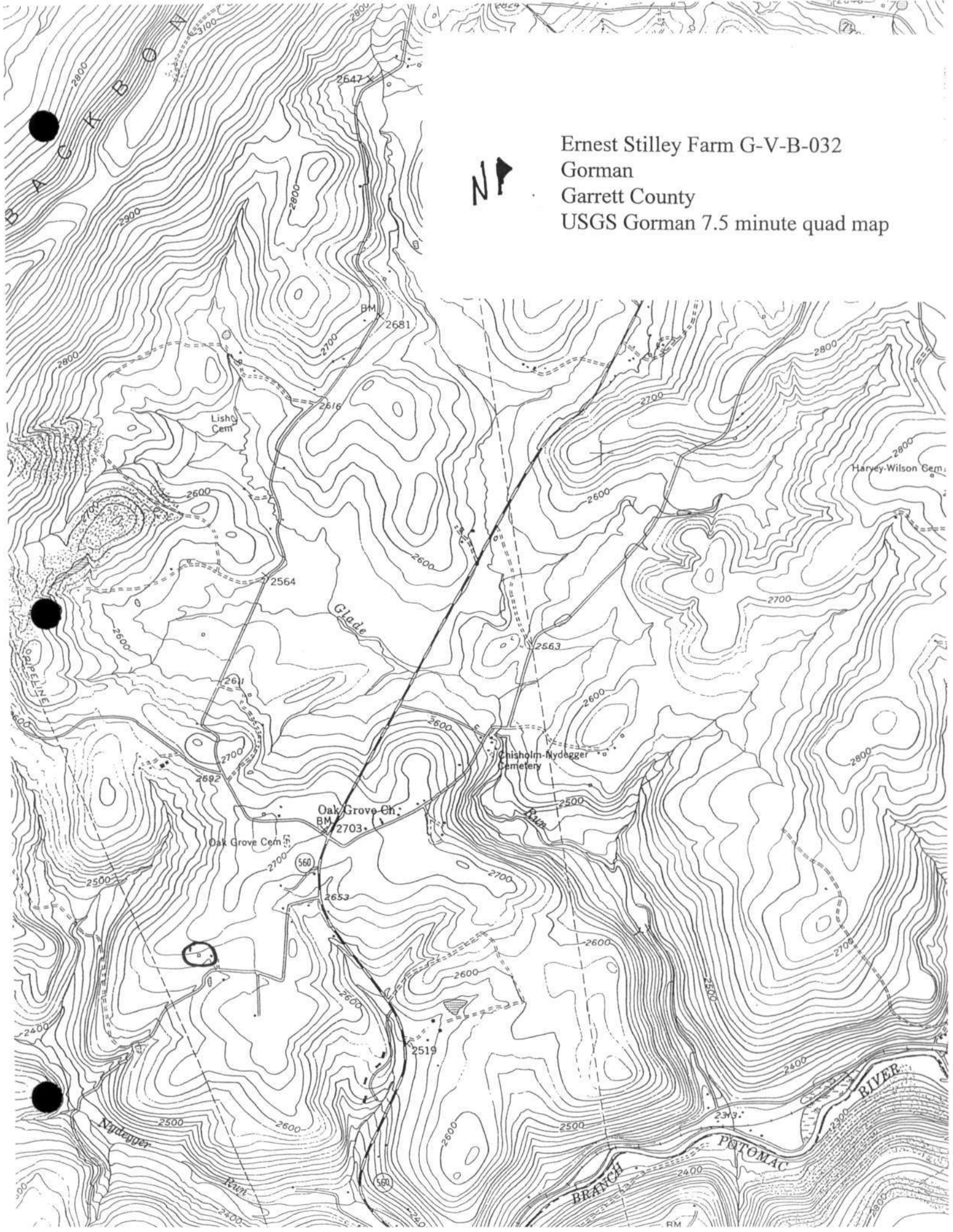
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Prepared by:

Date Prepared: January 2005



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Gorman
Garrett County
USGS Gorman 7.5 minute quad map





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ERNEST STILEY FARM

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

REGA

JANUARY 2005

NO SAND

DWELLING, VIEW SW

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ERNEST STILLEY FARM

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

RCGA

JANUARY 2005

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DWELLING, VIEW NW

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ERNEST STILLY FARM

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

REGA

JANUARY 2005

MD SHPO

Farm complex, view w/

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Ernest Stilley Farm
Gorman
Private

circa 1900

The Ernest Stilley vertical plank constructed farmhouse is a two story, four bay by two bay gable roof structure with a gable end facade at the south end of the facade. The house rests on a poured concrete foundation. Asbestos shingles cover the original weatherboarding exterior. A granary is also located on the property.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ernest Stilley Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Wayne Harvey Rd. , approx. 5/8 miles west of US Rt. 560

CITY, TOWN

Gorman

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☐ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame, vertical plank constructed farmhouse is situated in an area surrounded by creeks on Wayne Harvey Road approximately 5/8 miles west of U.S. Rt. 560. The house faces east. It is a two story, four bay by two bay gable roof structure with a gable end facade at the south end of the facade. The house has a two bay wide ell. A wooden porch, supported by round columns extends the length of the facade, the south elevation of the main block and the facade of the ell. The facade entrance is located at the north end. A small single story shed addition is located at the northeend of the rear elevation.

The house has a central brick chimney. Two over two sash windows light the house framed with plain flat boards. Double windows are located in both the first and second stories of the north elevation. Small windows appear in the gable ends. The house rests on a poured concrete foundation. Asbestos shingles cover the original weatherboarding exterior. Asphalt shingles cover the roof.

A granary is also located on the property.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block and rear kitchen wing, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

The house was built by Ernest Stilley, an immigrant from Germany and the great-grandfather of the present father.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

August 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

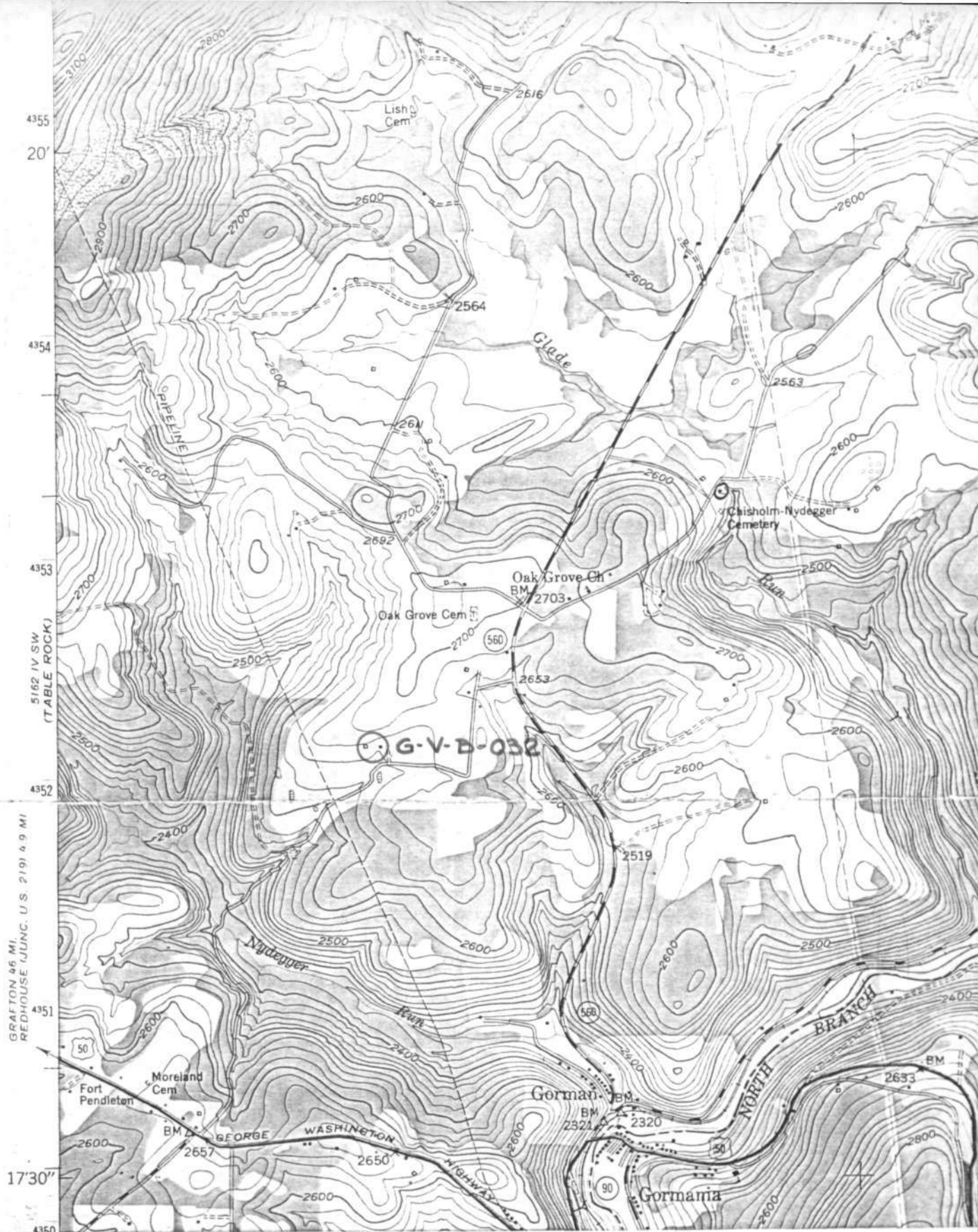
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Maryland 21401

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale - 1:24,000
 1949; photorevised 1974

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Ernest Stilley Farm

Garrett County, MD

Valerie Cesna 8/10/81

Facade: E & N elevations



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S elevation